

Claims

What is claimed is:

5     1.     A method of loading cartons in a packaging machine, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of substantially tubular cartons each with an end opening having a width less than a pitch of flight bars of the packaging machine but having a combined end-opening width equal to the pitch of the packaging machine; and

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facilitating placement of adjacent erected ones of said plurality of cartons between the flight bars.

15     2.     The method of claim 1, wherein said plurality of cartons are provided detachably affixed to one another.

3.     The method of claim 1, wherein said plurality of cartons are provided detachably affixed to one another in collapsed condition.

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4.     The method of claim 1, wherein said plurality of cartons have end openings of equal width.

5.     A method of loading cartons in a packaging machine, the method comprising:

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providing a plurality of substantially tubular cartons each with an end opening having a width less than a pitch of flight bars of the packaging machine but having a combined end opening width equal to the pitch of the packaging machine wherein said plurality of cartons are provided in collapsed condition detachably affixed to one another such that they are manipulated by the packaging machine as if a unitary carton; and

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facilitating placement of the detachably affixed erected ones of said plurality of cartons between the flight bars.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein said plurality of cartons have end openings of  
5 equal width.